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Via Electronic Mail Only [kelly.mclear@crimewatchdaily]

Ms. Kelly McLear, Producer Crime Watch Daily 2416 W. Victory Blvd., #573 Burbank, CA 91506

> RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

Dear Ms. McLear:

Our firm serves as the attorney for the City of Meridian. I am writing in response to your public records request dated May 31, 2017. The Mississippi Attorney General has previously determined that the production of warrants is left up to the discretion of the department. Specifically, the department is entitled to determine if an arrest warrant is considered an investigative report and thus exempt from production. Op. Atty. Gen. No. 2012-00145, Brock, Jr., April 20, 2012. However, after reviewing this file, the Meridian Police Department has made the determination to release the arrest warrants for Whitley Goodman and Dylan Swearingen. A copy of those two warrants are attached hereto.

Sincerely,

Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC

William W. Simmons

WWS/jmc **Enclosures** 

WARRANT IN STATE CASES 50,000 ~
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY OF LAUDERDALE
CITY CASE NO1-17-8628
To The Sheriff or any Law Enforcement Officer of said County:
WE COMMAND YOU to forthwith take the body of
WHITLEY GOODMAN W/F DOB charged with the crime of
MURDER  MISSISSIPPI STATE CODE 97-3-19(1)(C)(D)
in Lauderdale County, and
bring him before an authorized Municipal/Justice court Judge for an examination on
said charge.
Witness my hand this the 23 day of Jan. 20 17.
Municipal/Justice Court Judge

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Dear Mr. Simmons

Under the Mississippi Public Records Act § 25-61-1 et seq., Lam requesting an opportunity to obtain copies of public records of the arrest warrants issued for Whitley Goodman and Dylan Swearingen in regards to the death of Christian Andreacchio.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$100. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the case included in an upcoming episode of the national television series Crime Watch Daily with Chris Hansen. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The law requires that you respond to this request within between one and 14 days, depending upon your department's established policy. If you expect a significant delay in responding to this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies of the requested records. I have been actively trying to obtain these records for approximately 4 weeks and have just received your entities information (on May 31, 2017), our airdate for this episode is rapidly approaching, and therefore I respectfully request a copy of these arrest warrants no later than Friday, June 2, 2017. I have confirmed with Judge R. Jones that he did sign the above mentioned arrest warrants and instructed I obtain the copies from the Meridian PD.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely

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